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## Law Says Referendum Necessary Before Commissioners May Levy Drainage Tax

A standing-room-only crowd last week in the Jones County Court House voted to ask the county board of commissioners to move ahead with a plan to levy up to a 25 cent tax on the \$100 valuation for improving the drainage of the entire county.

The meeting had been called to brief those interested in the situation pertaining to improving the Trent River watershed where floods in recent years have cost Jones County millions of dollars in lost crops.

An Army Corps of Engineers representative told the gathering that the work of improving the channel from Trenton downstream would be done completely by the army from federal funds, with no special levy needed in Jones County.

Agents of the Soil Conservation Service and the State Water Resources Board explained that there is a plan for improving the drainage from Trenton upstream under which 75 per cent of the cost would come from federal tax funds and 25 per cent from county funds.

It was explained that the county's part could be raised in either of two ways: 1. By setting up a huge drainage district, which was vetoed unanimously by those present, or 2. by giving the county commissioners authority to levy up to 25 cents on the \$100 valuation to raise the county's part.

It was pointed out that a bill could be introduced in the general assembly, giving this authority to the commissioners, but a closer look at existing law reveals that it will be necessary to hold a county-wide referendum before the tax can be levied.

Article 3, Section 129-39 of the General Statutes of North Carolina says, in part: "The Board of County Commissioners in any county is authorized to call a special election to determine whether it be the will of the qualified voters of the county that they levy and cause to be collected annually, at the same time and in the same manner as the general county taxes are levied and collected, a special rate not to exceed 25 cents on each \$100 valuation."

## Three Themes of Cancer Crusade

During its 1965 Crusade against Cancer the American Cancer Society will stress three themes. "All are especially vital in helping save lives from cancer," according to Mrs. Grace E. Pollock, President of the Jones County Cancer Unit.

These themes are: 1. "Tell Your Neighbor." By passing on to neighbors facts about cancer that might save their lives. Facts everyone should know about early diagnosis and prompt treatment as a precaution against death.

2. "To Help Cure More, Give More." There are about 1,300,000 Americans, now alive, cured of cancer. A contributing factor has been public professional education and research efforts.

3. "Fight Cancer With A Check and A Checkup." Many die from cancer today because they do not have an annual

## Industry Destroyed

Sunday ABC and ATU officers destroyed a major industry in Lower Pink Hill Township, a few miles west of Ervin Crossroads. There two Piedmont Section men were caught working on Sunday, and operating an 11,000-gallon stumphole whisky still. The 11,000-gallon mash capacity gave this backwood industry a potential weekly capacity of 2200 gallons of pure panther juice, which is currently quoted on the illicit elixir market at \$3 per gallon on the stump, in the woods.

## Confessed Murderer Already Trying to Gnaw His Way Legally Out of Prison

Last week Superior Court Judge Rudolph Mintz denied a petition from Jesse James Arnold who is serving a so-called life term in prison for his admitted part in the shotgun slaying and robbery of George T. MacArthur in September of 1961.

Arnold was asking Judge Mintz to order that all the time he has been held in custody since his arrest on the night of the murder count on his "life term in prison."

Under North Carolina's ridiculous law a person is eligible for parole consideration after serving 10 years of a "life term."

Judge Mintz, although personally denying the petition, pointed the way for Arnold to seek relief from the executive branch of government, meaning the paroles commission, which has authority in such matters.

If the paroles commission grants Arnold's request he would then become eligible for parole in 1971.

His accomplice in the crime, George Dixon, has not yet filed for similar relief.

## Two Jones Arrests

The only arrests reported last week by Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates were those of Alonza Mills of Trenton, charged with public drunkenness, and John A. Jones of Maysville route 1 who was accused of drunken driving.

## Some Slicing!

Monday night James Floyd Brown of 309 East Gordon St. was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill after Kinston police investigated the serious cutting suffered by William Jones, whose wounds on the head, face, shoulder, chest and lower stomach required more than 100 stitches at Parrott Memorial Hospital. Brown is the fellow accused of doing the cutting.

checkup which might reveal the disease when it is early and most curable. Early treatment is the difference between one out of two saved instead of one out of three — the number being saved now.

"The effectiveness of these themes," Mrs. Pollock said, "Depends on the public's response."

## Jones County Boy Put on Probation For Hub Cap Theft

Nineteen year-old Ronald Hall Hawkins of Trenton route 1 was given six months in prison Monday by Recorder Buck Wooten for stealing hub caps in Kinston over the weekend. Sixteen year-old Gwendolyn May Heath also of Trenton route 1 was found not guilty of the same offense.

Judge Wooten suspended the prison term for Hawkins on condition he remain on probation for two years and surrender his driving license for six months.

## Two Divorce Suits Filed in Jones Court

In the past week two civil suits seeking "divorce absolute" have been filed in Jones County Superior Court by couples asking divorce on grounds of two years separation.

The suits were filed by: Casey Westbrook Lewis who wants to legally free from Edmond Lewis and by Alonza Kornegay Jr. who is trying to untie the knot between himself and Faye Turner King Kornegay.

The Lewis suit alleges marriage May 1, 1944 and separation December 27, 1962.

The Kornegay suit alleges marriage April 16, 1952 and separation September 4, 1958. Kornegay says there were two children and that both live with their mother.

## Court Clerk Right, Superior Court Judge Wrong in Wilcox Family Feud

## Trenton Cadet to March April 3rd In Azalea Festival

Cadet Archie McRay Nichols of Trenton is a member of the University of North Carolina's Air Force ROTC band which will march in the Azalea Festival Parade in Wilmington, N. C. on April 3.

Cadet Nichols, son of Mrs. F. W. Nichols, is a Sophomore in the AFROTC program at UNC.

The 35-man AFROTC band has participated in numerous parades in the Chapel Hill - Carrboro area. One of the unit's biggest honors was marching in the Governor's Inaugural Parade in Raleigh this year.

## New TB Detection System Developed

A major change has been developed for tuberculosis detection whereby the regular Mobile X-ray Unit which has visited Jones County for a number of years has been discontinued and a new program inaugurated to better find tuberculosis cases through selected groups.

The new system will consist of X-raying foodhandlers, school personnel, contacts, known people with pulmonary scars, 1st and 9th grade tuberculin tested reactors and the families of these reactors as well as any other person who has been referred to the Health Department who may want a chest X-ray for various reasons.

Foodhandlers, teachers, other school personnel and people who do not receive an appointment by mail may secure their X-ray at the Mobile Unit adjacent to the Jones County Health Department according to the following schedule:

Saturday, April 3 from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Tuesday, April 6, from 9 A.M. — 11 A.M., 1 P.M. — 5 P.M.

Wednesday, April 7 from 9 A.M. — 11 A.M., 1 P.M. — 5 P.M.

For additional information contact Jones County Health Department.

A ruling handed down this week by the North Carolina Supreme Court reversed a November 1964 ruling of Superior Court Judge Elbert Peele of Williamston and upheld the October 22, 1964 ruling of Jones County Superior Court Clerk Walter Henderson.

The matter involved is a civil suit brought by numerous daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. Steve Wilcox against two of their sisters. The suit has been in and out of Jones County Superior Court for years and under this week's ruling in the state's highest court the matter still rests in the local court.

Ten of the Wilcox sisters are trying to get their share of the family farm which they allege is wrongfully held by their other two sisters and their husbands.

In a court action early last year Judge Henry Stevens of Warsaw allowed a demurrer offered by the defendants, which, in effect, tossed the litigation out, but Stevens' ruling was appealed to the supreme court and it was overruled.

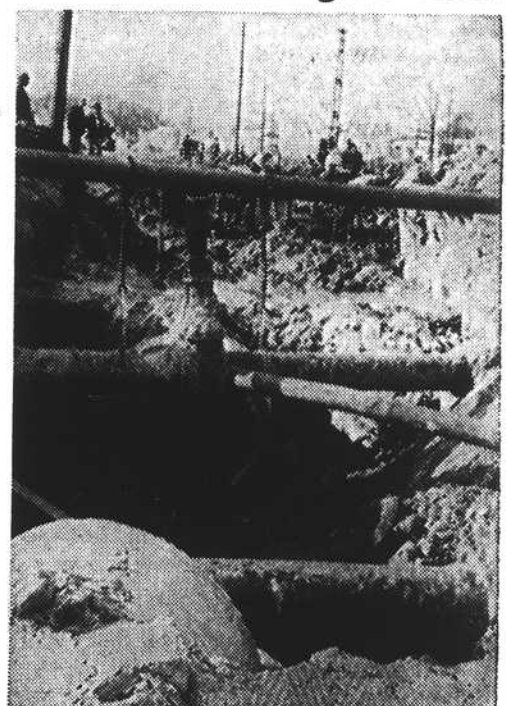
Last October the plaintiffs sought to obtain from Clerk Henderson a "judgment by default and inquiry", claiming that the defendants had not answered the suit within the time prescribed by law. Clerk Henderson refused to grant the default judgment.

So now the matter is back on the "motion docket" of the local court because "motions to strike" part of the plaintiffs' allegations are still standing. When the case may finally be tried is a matter nobody around the courthouse is willing to bet his house rent on.

## ACCIDENTAL WOUND

Officers in the sheriff's department have ruled that the shooting of Peter Dawson last Friday morning by Harvey Gautier was accidental. Dawson suffered a flesh wound in the side when a .22 caliber automatic Pistol Gautier was handling went off. Both men told the investigating officers that the incident was accidental. It happened in a filling station just north of Kinston on the Greenville Highway.

## What's Underneath That Costs in Road Building in Towns



As these pictures indicate; a large part of the cost of building highways around and through towns is the cost below the ground.

Wherever roads are built they must have proper drainage if they are to last any length of time, and this storm drainage problem is a major factor in establishing the cost of roads whether to mountain tops, swamp bottoms or through ma-

jour cities. But when roadways approach cities the price skyrockets because in addition to designing the storm drainage system for handling rain water the engineers also have to keep in mind such things as water lines, gas lines, sanitary sewer lines, telephone and electrical conduits which run underground.

These pictures here, taken last month on the northern edge of

Kinston illustrate to some extent the size and complexity of this part of the road-building problem.

The huge pipe is for taking off rain water, and the other picture shows some of the dilemma when storm pipes, water pipes and sanitary sewer pipes all get together on the same corner.

Does anyone have a question on the high cost of roads?